

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013***

***Selectmen: Tom Hayward and Michael Woodworth.***

***Call to order at 7:05 pm.***

Tom Hayward opened the meeting with an overview of the 2013 Budget:

- Overall it is less than last year, due to the completed Bond payment.
- The increases in legal are due to the abatement of Hutchinson Sealing. The health insurance increased, even with a higher deductible and employees contributing 10% more.

In review of the Warrant Articles, Alison Watts thought the wording of warrant article # 5 –Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund was confusing. Chief Art Reed explained that by merging both accounts, the old way of funding and the new way of funding, the cruiser will be paid for without raising taxes.

Winn Fream inquired about the cost of the Mosquito warrant articles. There is a \$1,200.00 increase over last year for (4) spot adulticiding for special events (April-October). Winn wanted to know if there are any other companies that provide this service.

Tom stated that the gang plank for the new dock was added to a budget line since the new dock would be of no use without the gang plank. All harbor issue questions should be forwarded to Jeff Buxton.

Tom stated the Default Budget is under the 2013 Budget by \$25,000. Greg Corson asked, “What would happen if the Budget was voted down?” Michael stated that we normally spend only about 90% of the Budget annually. Tom added that we would have to find ways of being thrifty to make it work.

It was noted that the Public Hearing on the Water & Sewer Extension will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.

Tom asked for any other questions.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman  
Deputy Town Clerk